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## Public Records Request

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### Record or Document Requested:

To assist the City with your request, please identify each requested record/document separately. Please be as specific as possible. Non specific inquiries may cause responses to be delayed or may prove to be burdensome and therefore the City may not be able to respond. (Additional sheets may be used) **Submit all requests to the City Clerk's Office.**

See attached

Photocopies are \$0.20 per page (Mailing fee, if applicable is \$3.00 plus postage). Fees must be paid before records are released.

I agree to pay all applicable fees and charges per the City Council Resolution of Fees for any copies I request of the above mentioned document. *Accepted method of payment:* Cash or check. Credit card accepted in person only.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### For Departmental Use Only:

#### Action Requested:

Review Only  
Copies Requested

#### Action Taken:

Document Reviewed  
Copies Provided  
Refusal/Reason

By \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Existent Document  
Other (Please Explain)

### For City Clerk's Use Only:

Date Requestor Notified \_\_\_\_\_ Notified By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Picked Up or Mailed \_\_\_\_\_

November 10, 2018

Dear City Clerk:

I am submitting a public information records request for information on the justifications for placing the island berms on Herondo at the Hermosa Avenue intersection.



As can be easily seen, Big Rigs and Large Trucks cannot make a wide-right turn onto Hermosa Avenue because of the Island Berms.

The direct-impact of these berms is to route heavy-truck to 27<sup>th</sup> street.

The Pier Avenue truck-route is now restricted by so many stop signs as a consequence of the customer-friendly sidewalks that it discourages truck drivers from using Pier to access Hermosa Avenue or Pier Plaza businesses.

Other signs also restrict traffic flow at Herondo and Manhattan Ave northbound.

This makes 27th street as the preferred route if not the only viable route for all ingress to Hermosa Ave and Plaza businesses.

**At the moment these berms were placed on Herondo the city effectively designated 27th street as a primary truck-route for these businesses.**

But where were the safety studies related to making 27th a primary truck route?

Where were the studies on the quality of life given the noise levels on 27th are already 2-4 times the recommended level of 55dBA for an R2 zoned street?

Where were the noise abatement actions prior to making 27th street a primary truck route?

Where were the near-roadway pollution effects studies given 27th streets street-canyon topology?

Where was the discussion that 27th is **NOT** the most direct route to these businesses and that was the purpose of the no-trucks signs on 27<sup>th</sup> in the first place?

These questions are not rhetorical.

They frame the specific information I am requesting below:

1. All documentation on the justifications for the island berms on Herondo.
2. All documentation any studies to of the city-wide effect on truck flow as a consequence of the placement of these berms?
3. Documentation on any discussion by **city engineers** or **city administration** regarding the likely effect of these berms on the flow of truck traffic?
4. Any documentation or notifications given to the residents of 27th street about the changes in truck flow to 27th that were likely to be caused by the placement of these berms
5. All documentation on public hearings related to making 27th street a truck-route.
6. All documentation on discussions by city staff and the HBPD about making 27th street the primary truck-route the aforementioned businesses.
7. All documentation on when the city actually made the decision to use 27th street as the primary truck route for ingress to the aforementioned businesses.
8. Any documentation on cities efforts to address the safety concerns identified in the following safety assessment document , past, present or future.
9. Copy of the CEQD Negative-Finding for the Herondo Island-Berm project.

Thank you  
Anthony Higgins

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**Category: SAFETY**

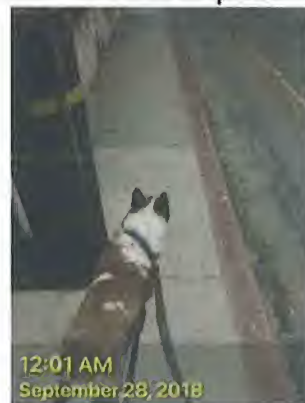
**Risk: Heavy Trucks on Narrow Road with Obstructed sidewalk**

Comments: 1. Steep Hill with No Curbside Parking Buffer, Trucks Run at Curbside  
2. Crest of Hill Creates Blind Spot.  
3. Similar Blind spots do not exist on Herondo or Pier Ave  
4. Blindspot endangers Pedestrians and Cyclists coming from Artesia.  
5. 27th is a Heavily Damaged and Failing Road. (Safety Implications?)  
6. Posted Signs - No Commercial Vehicles over 3 Tons



**Risk: Narrow Obstructed Sidewalk Images**

Comment: 1. 27th street's narrow sidewalk obstructed by telephone poles  
2. In places there is less than 19 inches clearance to curb  
3. Baby Strollers have difficulty fitting by poles when trucks pass



Hardly Room for Small Dog much Less Baby Stroller  
And the Plaza Hotel Contractor wants to add 7,500 Heavy Trucks!